

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL JOINT CITY MEETING
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 2012
AVENAL THEATER / PEGASUS ROOM

A special joint city meeting of the Reef-Sunset Unified School District Board of Trustees and Avenal City Council was held on this date in the Avenal Theater/Pegasus room located at 233 E. Kings Street, Avenal, CA 93204

Mr. Casida, City Mayor, called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Gail Monohon, Dr. David East, Leticia Lopez, Chris Collins, Harlin Casida, Alvaro Preciado, Donna Curty, Dagoberto Ovalle, Melissa Whitten, Chief Jack Amoroso, David Ayers, Enrique Jimenez, Lupe Chavez, Ashley Lopez, Dayana Lopez, Melissa Figueroa, and Maricarmen Figueroa were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR September 24, 2012:

Motion by Gail Monohon seconded by Harlin Casida to approve the minutes as presented.

UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Update on Progress from the Responsible Athletes Program:

Enrique Jimenez gave an update on current and upcoming physical activity programs provided by RAP.

Update on Measure A Projects:

Dr. East reported that Measure A was able to pass with a high percentage due to the tireless efforts of the Lopez and Figueroa sisters who worked along with Dave Ayers. Dr. East also reported that he had scheduled a meeting for Thursday at 5pm to discuss options in regards to funding Measure A. He explained the different financial options the district has in order to proceed with the renovation of the AHS stadium. He also explained that the Superintendent from BUSH Construction informed the Board of the possible ground movement this area is susceptible to and explained the damages caused to a synthetic field should the Board decide to go with the current plan. The architects proposed different plans eliminating the synthetic surf as well as leaving the home fields in their current place. The Board has to also consider other costs such as the upgrading of the older school facilities within the district.

Recognitions: Dr. East and Mr. Ayers thanked and recognized AHS students, Maricarmen Figueroa, Melissa Figueroa, Dayana Lopez and Ashley Lopez. They received certificates from the City for their efforts in helping out with the passing of Measure A.

Submit Lists of Areas for Community Service:

Dr. East reported that this item was discussed at the last joint meeting where he handed out information provided by Ms. Drummond explaining what the high school requires of students in regards to community service, the process and ideas for obtaining community service hours. Mr. Casida stated that community service is out there for students to take advantage of but feels students are not making efforts to complete that requirement.

Update on WHC Avenal Facility:

Dr. East reported that he met with Dr. Gornick and after their meeting, Dr. Gornick felt the best feasible way to start the WHC Avenal facility would be to enter into a joint use agreement with RSUSD.

Dr. Gornick stated that they only have \$2 million dollars available. Dr. East stated that they discussed ideas and looked at the corner of Monterey and south west corner of the AHS parking lot where they can place modules. Dr. East asked him to work up some plans with the discussed ideas so that he can update the Board but hasn't heard from them yet. Ms. Whitten reported that the KCAO building by City Hall was going to be vacated, so she contacted Dr. Gornick of that building being another possibility for construction of the facility. Dr. Gornick stated he was looking at the options discussed with Dr. East at the high school. There was discussion about what programs WHC could bring to Avenal residents for the planning of the facility. Ms. Whitten stated that she and Dr. East would get together to coordinate a meeting with Dr. Gornick and have Mr. Casida, Edna Ivans and Ms. Monohon attend and discuss the Avenal learning center.

Closing Comments:

Ms. Whitten and Ms. Monohon thanked all those involved with the Drug Store Program held at RSMS for a wonderful job. Ms. Curty expressed her concerns about the district not teaching our students a good curriculum. Dr. East recommended that council members should visit schools to see what is currently happening in classrooms. Ms. Monohon reported that the district plans to have strategic planning committee meetings and invited City council members to attend so that they can give their input.

Consider Scheduling Next Joint Meeting:

The next joint city meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2013 at 5:30 p.m., at the Avenal Theater.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Secretary to the Board